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March 23, 2016

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.  
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT AGREEMENT NUMBER 56400-200-943-16-19 FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES, INC. FOR EXPANDED ACCESS TO INTERFERON GAMMA RELEASE ASSAYS**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on July 28, 2015, to accept and execute grants and awards from federal, State, and other public and private agencies in amounts not to exceed \$500,000 per grant award per budget period or annual term, that are in furtherance of the Department of Public Health's (DPH) mission, subject to: provision of an Anticipated Grant Award memo to your Board a minimum of two weeks prior to notification that the grant is being accepted; review and approval as to form by County Counsel; review by the Chief Executive Office (CEO) Risk Management as needed; and notification to your Board and the CEO to include significant contractual provisions required by the grantor that depart from standard Board-approved language, including insurance and indemnification.

Under this authority, I will accept Agreement Number 56400-200-943-16-19, issued by the Association of Public Health Laboratories, Inc. (APHL), in the amount of \$89,801, for the period of February 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. This funding is made possible through a grant to APHL from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Tuberculosis Elimination. As outlined in the attached Anticipated Grant Award memo sent to your Board on February 8, 2016, these funds will provide support to expand the use of Interferon Gamma Release Assays (IGRA) testing to aid in the diagnosis of Mycobacterium tuberculosis (TB) infection in high-risk and underserved populations, including recent TB contacts, refugees, immigrants, homeless persons, and persons living with HIV. IGRA testing will expand into additional County facilities, including public hospitals, primary care clinics, and satellite clinics that serve high-risk populations.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved Agreement Number 56400-200-943-16-19 as to use and advised that I inform your Board that the general terms and conditions that are incorporated into the Agreement include provisions requiring the County to indemnify APHL

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against all claims and losses related to this Agreement and to waive all claims and recourse against APHL related to this Agreement. These are standard requirements from APHL and cannot be waived or modified. I have been advised by CEO Risk Management and County Counsel of the risks associated with this provision. However, I believe these risks are acceptable in light of the need for the services and the resulting benefit to public health.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

CAH:lr  
DA#03554

Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



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February 8, 2016

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.  
Interim Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia A. Harding".

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACCEPT AN ANTICIPATED GRANT AWARD**

This is to provide your Board with information regarding an anticipated award from the Association of Public Health Laboratories, in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, in the amount of \$89,801 to support Expanded Access to Interferon Gamma Release Assays for the period of February 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016.

The anticipated award will provide support to expand the use of Interferon Gamma Release Assays (IGRA) testing to aid in the diagnosis of Mycobacterium tuberculosis (TB) infection in high-risk and underserved populations, including recent TB contacts, refugees, immigrants, homeless persons, and persons living with HIV. IGRA testing will expand into additional County facilities, including public hospitals, primary care clinics, and satellite clinics that serve the high risk population. These anticipated funds will enable the Department of Public Health to purchase laboratory reagents needed for IGRA testing, collection tubes, and other laboratory supplies needed to expand testing.

If funding is awarded, I will notify your Board that I am exercising the delegated authority approved on July 28, 2015 to accept grants and awards in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 per grant award, budget period, or annual term.

Attachment A is the Notification of Anticipated Grant Award Summary, which provides additional information about the grant award.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

CAH: nmg

c: Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Interim County Counsel  
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health  
Notification of Anticipated Grant Award Summary

ATTACHMENT A

OVERVIEW

Program Name:	Public Health Laboratories
Funding Agency Name:	The Association of Public Health Laboratories
Funding Source Type:	Foundational
Project Name:	Expanded Access to Interferon Gamma Release Assays
Funding Opportunity Number:	
Is this an amendment to a grant/award?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes," what type of amendment?	

Project Description:

Acceptance of this award will support purchase of laboratory reagents needed for Interferon Gamma Release Assays (IGRA) testing. This test is performed by the Public Health Laboratories and is used to detect latent infection with tuberculosis. The benefit of this project is to provide reagents and consumables needed for blood collection and specimen testing. This will allow Department of Public Health (DPH) to expand tuberculosis screening in high-risk populations such as: refugees, immigrants, homeless persons, and persons living with HIV. DPH will expand IGRA testing to additional County facilities, including public hospitals, primary care clinics, and satellite clinics that serve patient populations at elevated risk for latent TB infection (LTBI) in homeless, uninsured, low-income, and/or foreign-born populations. Over the next two years, the LAC-PHL proposes to expand IGRA testing a minimum of 11 new sites including county facilities such as hospitals and outpatient clinics.

DATES

Grant/Award Acceptance Deadline:	January 30, 2016
Grant/Award Term:	February 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016
Grant/Award Start Date:	February 1, 2016
Grant/Award End Date:	June 30, 2016

BUDGET

Grant/Award Funding Amount:	\$89,801
Monetary Matching Requirements:	0
In-Kind Costs:	0
Total Funding for Grant/Award Project:	\$89,801

SIGNATURE

Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.

Interim Director

*Cynthia A. Harding*  
Signature

2/8/16  
Date